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OIL BOYCOTT

IN COURSE OF EXPLANATION OF SAUDI ARABIA'S VIEWS ON
SOVIET PROPOSED REDUCTION OF MILITARY BUDGET ITEM,
AMB. BAROODY MADE FOLLOWING STATEMENT IN GW PLENARY
NOV. 27 P.M. SESSION:

QUOTE: WE FIND CERTAIN STATES CONSIDERING SANCTIONS
AND EMBARGOES WHICH ARE PEACEFUL IN NATURE. THEY DO NOT
RESORT TO WEAPONS AS BEING IN THE NATURE OF SWINDLES,
BLACKMAIL AND DISTORTIONS--THEY TELL US. HOW FUNNY.
THESE ECONOMIC SANCTIONS OR EMBARGOES ARE CONSIDERED
THREATS EVEN BY A CERTAIN MAJOR POWER. BUT WHY SHOULD I
NOT BE FRANK? I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN FRANK SINCE I STARTED
HERE. THEY ARE CONSIDERED THREATS, FOR EXAMPLE, BY THE
UNITED STATES.

QUOTE: ARE MEMBERS NOT READING THE PRESS? THE
ARABS ARE BLACKMAILING, EXTORTING--THEY ARE EXTORTIONISTS.
THEY CONDITION THE MINDS OF THE PEOPLE WITH SUCH EPITHETS
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AND BY REPETITION THEY FINALLY PREPARE THE GROUND FOR

POSSIBLE AGGRESSION WITH THOSE WEAPONS WHICH THEY DO NOT WANT TO REDUCE. BUT WE ARE NOT INTIMIDATED. WE WOULD RATHER DIE THAN LIVE IN INDIGNITY.

QUOTE: TO ILLUSTRATE HOW BENEFICIAL SUCH A STEP AS WE FIND IN THE SOVIET DRAFT RESOLUTION WHICH, AS I SAID, HAS POSITIVE VALUES, WOULD BE I MUST DO SO WITH FACTS AND NOT IN THE ABSTRACT. NONE OTHER THAN THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF THIS HOST COUNTRY, MR. KISSINGER, WHEN ASKED WHAT THE US WOULD DO--AND, INCIDENTALLY, THAT STATE DOES NOT DEPEND ON ARAB OIL AS WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES DO; IT IS ONLY TO THE EXTENT OF 6 TO 7 PERCENT-- SAID: QUOTE WE WILL USE COUNTER-MEASURES. UNQUOTE WHAT DOES HE MEAN BY QUOTE COUNTER-MEASURES UNQUOTE? WHY DOES HE NOT SPELL THEM OUT LIKE A MAN OF THE THIRD PART OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY? WHAT QUOTE COUNTER-MEASURES UNQUOTE? HE THINKS THAT THE MIGHT OF THE US WILL MAKE US CHANGE A PEACEFUL EMBARGO WHICH DOES NOT DEPEND ON THE WEAPONS THAT ARE TO BE FOUND IN THE ARSENALS OF THE US AND THE OTHER MAJOR POWER. YOU CANNOT BEND THE WILL OF HUMAN BEINGS TO STAND ON THE DIGNITY AND WORTH OF THE INDIVIDUAL. LET HIM COME OUT AND SPELL OUT WHAT HE MEANS BY QUOTE COUNTER-MEASURES UNQUOTE. THIS SNEAKY HYPOCRITICAL TERMINOLOGY SHOULD NOT BE THE ORDER OF THE DAY IN THE UNITED NATIONS ERA, I SUBMIT AND MAINTAIN. END QUOTE.
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